

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
March 7, 2023**

LOUIS B. SCHELLING MEMORIAL BOARD ROOM
RANTOUL MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 333 S. TANNER, RANTOUL, IL

A Regular Study Session of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rantoul was held at at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Smith called the proceeding to order.

Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll, finding the following members present:

Mayor Smith, and Trustees Crider, Wilkerson, Hall, Robertson, Weathersby and Johnson – 7

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Scott Eisenhower, Administrator; Debbie Sage, Human Resources; Tony Brown, Police Chief; Chad Smith, Fire Chief; Jolene Gensler, Comptroller; Jake McCoy, Assistant Public Works Director; Chris Milliken, Zoning and Planning; Brian Hunt, Community Development; David Wesner, Attorney, and Janet Gray, Village Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Hall moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Weathersby seconded the motion. On a roll call vote:

 AYE: Hall, Robertson, Weathersby, Johnson, Crider and Wilkerson – 6.

 NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Public Participation

- Sheldon Lashley said he took part in the Citizens Police Academy at the U. of I. Police Institute. He would encourage other citizens to participate in this program.
- Terry Workman stated that there are three Trustees to be elected this year and citizens can only vote for one Trustee and half of the voters of Rantoul cannot vote in this election.
- Kristian Hopkins is working on a Community Development survey which is done every 5 years. Surveys will go out in the utility bills for citizens to complete.
- Loise Haines invited citizens to a meet and greet of the candidates. The event will be March 21 at 6:00 pm in the Board Room at Village Hall.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Hall

- Thanked the Public Works employees for the job they did in restoring power during the storm.

Trustee Johnson

- Thanked the employees who worked through the storm. Asked what the cost of overtime was and if any transformers needed repair. The Assistant Public Works Director said no transformers were damaged. The department is just now getting the overtime and equipment costs together.

Items from the Mayor

- A. Habitat for Humanity will start building a house at 1308 Sunset Drive on April 15. Anyone interested in helping should contact the Director of Habitat for Humanity. The Village Administrator can provide that phone number.

Items from the Clerk

- A. Minutes of February 7, 2023 Regular Study Session
- B. Minutes of February 14, 2023 Board Meeting

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

- A. The February 2023 Village Applicant Demographics Report is in the Board Packet.

Items from Police Department

No items to report.

Items from Fire Department

No items to report.

Items from Comptroller

No items to report.

Items from Building & Environmental Safety

No items to report.

Items from Community Development

Chris Milliken introduced Brian Hunt who started with the Village in January. He reviewed the responsibilities of the Community Development Department. They include overseeing the HUD Community Development Block Grant program, Grant Management and Marketing and Property Management.

Items from Recreation

- A. The department requested the approval of an Architecture and Engineering Contract with Cordogan Clark for the ARPA funded Youth Center renovation in the amount of \$89,800.00. Four companies responded to requests for proposals for the project. Cordogan submitted the lowest proposal and has worked with the Village on the recent Forum Fitness Center PARC project.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Public Works

- A. The department requested the approval to purchase a new Yanmar Mini Excavator for the Electric Division from Vermeer Midwest in the amount of \$33,568.00. The current excavator is over 20 years old and at the end of its useful life. This excavator is used daily by the Electric Division. This purchase is budgeted in the FY23-24 Budget.
- B. The department requested the approval of an agreement with Utility Financial Services to perform a cost-of-service review of the Village's electric, gas, water and wastewater utilities. This type of review is usually done every 3-5 years. The cost would be not-to-exceed \$57,000.00.
- C. The department requested the approval of a Local Agency Agreement between the Village and the Illinois Department of Transportation to allocate funding for the proposed overlay of US Rt. 136 from Maplewood Dr. to the Village limits on the east side. The cost is \$3,708,348.00 for the project. The Village's cost is \$79,998.00. The stop light will be removed at Lon Drive.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from the Administrator

- A. The Administrator requested the approval of adding 102 East Champaign Ave. to the Vacant Lot Purchasing Program.
- B. The Administrator presented an Ordinance for review regarding non-medical response for lift assistance. It would allow the Fire Department to charge \$300 per lift assist incident when responding to any Assisted-Living facility and/or Nursing Care Facility for non-medical assistance.
- C. The Administrator presented an Ordinance for review regarding a fee for the response to a hazardous materials call. The initial fee would be \$300 along with an hourly fee of \$100 through the duration on site, and reimbursement of all costs associated with the response.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Presentation

The budget as presented is a balanced budget. It includes both the revenue and expenses as they relate to the ARPA funds. A copy of the budget and the presentation from the Study Session will be on the web site on March 8. The Budget Hearing will be at 5:45 pm on April 11 and the Budget needs to be approved prior to April 29. The goal is to approve it at the April 11 Board Meeting.

Items from Counsel

The Attorney will provide an update on collections at the April meeting.

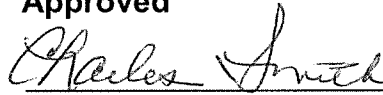
Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

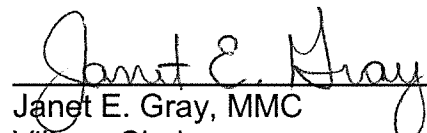
Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved



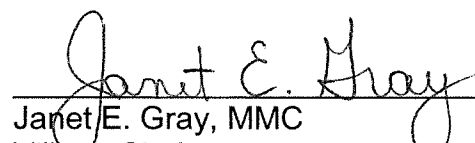
Charles Smith
Village President

ATTEST:



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

I, Janet E. Gray, Village Clerk of the Village of Rantoul, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Study Session of the Board of Trustees held March 7, 2023 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk